

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Union, North Carolina

Number of farms

1,224 farms in 2002, 1,388 farms in 1997, down 12 percent.

Land in farms

190,704 acres in 2002, 186,829 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Average size of farm

156 acres in 2002, 135 acres in 1997, up 16 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$261,302,000 in 2002, \$303,666,000 in 1997, down 14 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$28,115,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$233,187,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

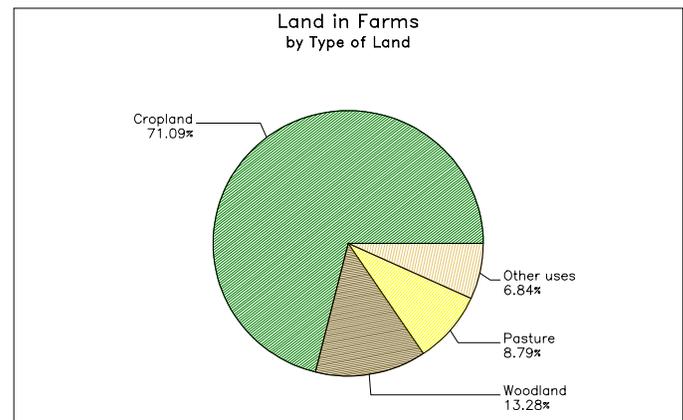
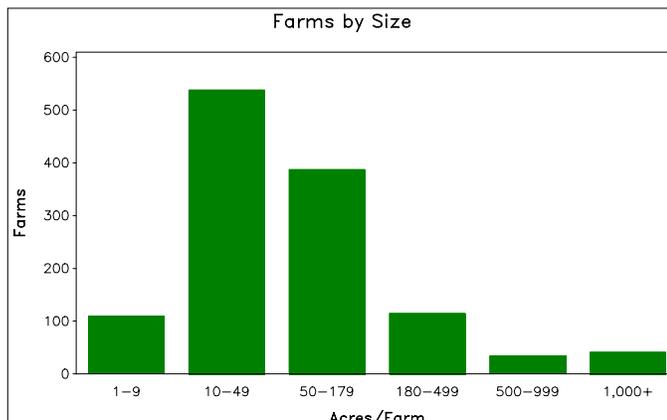
\$213,482 in 2002, \$218,779 in 1997, down 2 percent.

Government Payments

\$2,300,000 in 2002, \$1,364,000 in 1997, up 69 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$8,677 in 2002, \$4,456 in 1997, up 95 percent.



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Ranked items among the 100 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	261,302	4	100	97	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	28,115	25	100	911	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	233,187	4	99	60	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	13,769	8	98	858	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	86	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	1,350	32	55	326	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	560	50	100	961	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	11,520	9	96	228	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	68	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	523	37	100	1,861	3,046
Poultry and eggs	222,970	1	95	9	2,918
Cattle and calves	5,008	9	99	1,516	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	982	34	64	1,377	2,493
Hogs and pigs	3,725	39	90	556	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	76	10	98	980	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	397	9	91	536	3,014
Aquaculture	9	43	51	982	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	20	24	85	1,518	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	17,396,870	2	68	5	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,303,499	1	95	74	2,983
Turkeys	765,182	4	71	34	2,328
Quail	(D)	3	44	(D)	1,412
Hogs and pigs	(D)	34	91	(D)	2,926
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	54,942	3	85	527	2,076
All Wheat for grain	35,728	1	83	314	2,517
Corn for grain	28,243	7	100	683	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	14,469	14	100	1,402	3,059
All Cotton	7,422	32	55	288	663

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	258	Farming	715
\$1,000 to \$2,499	173	Other	509
\$2,500 to \$4,999	122		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	119	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	97	Male	1,069
\$20,000 to \$24,999	31	Female	155
\$25,000 to \$39,999	22		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	15	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	22		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	52	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	132	White	1,677
\$500,000 or more	181	Black or African American	8
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	186,848	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Average per farm (\$)	157,279	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
		Asian	5
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	74,418	More than one race	14
Average per farm (\$)	62,641	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	19

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.